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Dear FDA:

I am opposed to irradiation of food. Consumers need to have clear and accurate labeling information in order to choose the foods they want to eat.

Therefore, I am writing to object to the use of the term "fresh" to describe any food treated with nonthermal processing, as proposed in Docket OON-1351 Food Labeling; Use of the Term "Fresh" for Foods Processed With Alternative Nonthermal Technologies. I would also request that you rescind decision to allow raw foods treated with irradiation be labeled as fresh.

The term fresh implies untreated, unprocessed food, particularly not irradiated. Please allow labeling criteria to reflect this by not including nonthermal technologies which have not been thoroughly studied.

Sincerely,



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